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血に染まった手から深紅の雫が滴り、
カールの額に血の洗礼を施す。
幼いカールが、ヘルシングになって
初めて見たのは、その光景だった。
その瞬間から、口ぐせ悔やしい吸血鬼、名はエリオット。
彼を追い、倒すことだけがカールの願いだった。
しかし永遠の命に憧んだエリオットは、
残酷な遊戯をカールに仕掛ける。
「そう――追うがいい。私を憎んで、死ぬまで。
しまえ」
「聖なる、イエルサレムの
…を分かつまで」

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THOUGH GOD WILL NOT SAVE YOU
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SFX <CRACK>

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CHIRP
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CHIRP
WHAT COULD IT BE...
SO MANY BATS.....
Splash
KYA!!
EH!
BLOOD!?

SOMEONE FROM AROUND HERE PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE ENTERED THIS FOREST
.....DEAD.
MAYBE HE GOT LOST AND WAS ATTACKED BY A WILD ANIMAL
IF WE DON'T BURY HIM.....
GRASP

SFX: <FLASH>

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IF I LEAVE HIM...

IF I LEAVE HIM LIKE THIS, HE'LL TURN TO ASH WHEN THE SUN RISES
.....

.....

HUH?

WHISH
AH,
THANK YOU.
UH...
SLUMP

I'M SORRY IT'S SO DIRTY.
THE BASEMENT OF MY HOUSE.
I'VE GATHERED SOME MEDICINAL HERBS FOR YOU, BUT...
WHERE AM I?
I SEE YOU'VE REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS.
YOU'VE SLEPT AN ENTIRE DAY.
CREAK
WHY DID YOU SAVE ME.....?
THIS IS THE ONLY ROOM WHERE THE SUNLIGHT DOESN'T ENTER.
WHAT DO YOU INTEND BY SAVING A MONSTER LIKE ME?
I FRIGHTEN YOU, DON'T I? I EVEN ATTACKED YOU
HUH?

BZA
THAT.....
——YOU WERE INJURED.
AND IF I HAD LEFT YOU THERE, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN HIT BY THE SUNLIGHT.....
I'LL THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME.
THE WOUND HAS ALREADY HEALED.
AND, IF I HAD BECOME ASH, THAT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR YOU

COLLAPSE
YOU CAN'T STAND YET!
YOU LOST SO MUCH BLOOD!
IT'S CRAZY TO TRY AND STAND JUST BECAUSE YOUR WOUND HAS CLOSED
THEY'RE JUST MAKING A BIT OF A FUSS BECAUSE OF YOUR PRESENCE
USUALLY I'M THE ONLY ONE IN THIS FOREST
.....WHY DID YOU COME INTO THIS FOREST?
.....
ARE YOU BEING PURSUED?

——BY "SOME-ONE"?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
YOU
FOR A VAMPIRE LIKE YOU TO BE INFLICTED WITH SUCH A WOUND...
IT'S FRIGHTENING IF THE ONE WHO SAVE IT TO YOU IS STILL IN THIS FOREST...
I'M ALL ALONE IN THIS HOUSE AFTER ALL
HE'S A VAMPIRE.
——NOT ONLY THAT,
BUT HE'S BEEN ALIVE FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, ONE OF THE ORIGINALS.

——THEN, YOU ARE FIGHTING WITH ONE OF YOUR OWN KIND.
MY OWN KIND!?
THAT BAS-TARD AND ME!?
DON'T EVER SAY THAT AGAIN.
I...
GASP
I'M SORRY.
I... I'LL GO UPSTAIRS.
THE SUN IS STILL HIGH,
SO REST HERE UNTIL NIGHT.

THAT'S MY NAME.
EH.....
CARL.
CARL...
YOU ARE?
AH,
I—
MY NAME IS ROSINE

THAT WAS PLENTY, THANK YOU.
...ALL I DID WAS BRING YOU HERE
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS.
GOOD-BYE
WHISH
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU

IT'S PITIFUL. JUST LIKE YOU.
IT SEEMS YOU'VE BEGGED A HUMAN TO SAVE YOU.
JUST WHEN I THINK YOU'D GONE OFF TO DIE IN A DITCH SOMEWHERE,

Stagger
CARL!
——GET BACK IN THE HOUSE.
AS LONG AS YOU DON'T INVITE HIM IN, HE CANNOT ENTER.
GOT IT?
AS THOUGH IN A NIGHTMARE, THE TWILIGHT MIST CLOUDS YOUR FIELD OF VISION, AND YOUR LEGS FAIL YOU...
IN SUCH A STATE, YOU STILL BARE YOUR FANGS AT ME?
...I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE.
WHISH

SFX: <SWISH>
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU CAN'T EVEN SCRATCH MY CLOAK?
PSHH
TAP
TAP TAP
CRUNCH
SFX: <THUD>

COUGH
twitch
STOP!!
SFX <SLAM>
THAT MAN IS MY DEAR FRIEND!!
DON'T HURT HIM!!
Turn
PLEASE!!
CLENCH

WO-
MAN.
SFX. <THUD>
YOU ARE NO MERE HUMAN, ARE YOU...
THERIAN-THROPE? —NO
N...
ST... STOP IT.

IS SHE THAT IMPORTANT? THIS WOMAN...
HO, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN YOUR EYES FILLED WITH SUCH HATRED.
APPEARS
THEN, SHALL I TAKE HER?
HOW AMUSING.
WO-MAN.
..H...

I WILL GIVE YOU ETERNITY.
E... TER- NITY .....?
YES.
AN ESCAPE FROM THE PUNISHMENT OF AGE, AN EVERLASTING LIFE WITHOUT FEAR OF THE GATES OF HEAVEN——
ROSINE !!
GUH
ALL ALONE.
AN ETERNITY OF LIVING IN THIS FOREST.

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I DON'T NEED SUCH A THING
LET GO OF ME!!
THUD
AH!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THIS?

.....IN THIS FOREST..
IT SPOKE
IN THIS FOREST, SHE WILL NOT BE HARMED
EVEN IF HUMANS FORGET, OUR PLEDGE WILL LIVE ON.
TO TOUCH THE MAIDEN* OF THIS FOREST MEANS INCURRING THE WRATH OF THE TREES.
EVEN IF THE ONE WHO TOUCHES HER IS YOU.
"A DRUID WITCH"?
*Note: The word maiden was originally "miko" (巫女), which usually refers to a shrine maiden or priestess in the Shinto religion

HAVING TO RELY ON A WOMAN TO SURVIVE IS VERY SUITED TO SOMEONE AS PATHETIC AS YOU.
YOU'VE GAINED QUITE A NICE ALLY.
YOU DO NOT EVEN HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF PURE BLOOD, BOTH GOD AND THE DEVIL HAVE GIVEN UP ON YOU. WHAT CAN YOU EVEN DO TO ME?
IN THE
GLARE
.....NAME OF.....
——THE FATHER..... THE..... SON.. AND THE HOLY... GHOST...

——BE GONE!
SCRIP-TURE, EH?
THAT WILL BURN THE THROAT OF ONE WHO HAS FALLEN INTO DARKNESS
AH...
SIZZLE
IF IT WILL GET RID OF YOU, I WILL SACRIFICE MY VOICE!!

ALL THOSE WHO WOULD DO EVIL, BE REMOVED FROM ME.
THE LORD HEARS MY CRIES.
!
THE LORD HEARS MY GRIEF, THE LORD HEARS.....
Pshhh

SFX: <LUNGE>
——AND ACCEPTS MY PRAYER!

WHAT HAP-PENED?
DRIP
SFX: (COLLAPSE)

SFX: <WHOOSH>
YOU CAN'T EVEN STAND?
BANG
SFX: <CLANG>

SFX. (CRACK)
I TOLD YOU BEFORE THAT A BLADE THAT HAS NOT RECEIVED GOD'S BLESSING HAS NO MEANING
WITH YOUR STRENGTH NOW, YOU CANNOT EVEN INFLICT ONE WOUND ON ME.
DROP

...IN FEAR AND WILL RECEDE
IMMEDI-ATELY
cough
IN SHAME.
ALL ENEMIES WILL FALL INTO DIS-GRACE. THEY WILL TREMBLE..
SFX: <FREEZES>
OF COURSE, THIS IS MY.....
YOU RE STILL CALLING TO GOD WHILE YOUR THROAT BURNS
SI-LENCE!
YOUR MISSION, GIVEN TO YOU BY THE GOD WHO WOULDN T SAVE YOU, OR SOMETHING?
FALL INTO

AGH!
CARL!!
GRAB
FOOLISH

WHY DO YOU CALL TO GOD.....?
HE WILL NOT HEAR YOUR VOICE, HE WILL NOT SAVE YOU.
HE WON'T EVEN LISTEN TO YOUR PRAYERS THOUGH YOU COUGH UP BLOOD....
KUH!
YOU CAN NO LONGER EVEN SPEAK?

THE ONLY THING THAT HASN'T CHANGED IS THIS EYE OF YOURS...
EVEN IN THIS STATE, IT DEFIES ME...

CARL,
WON'T YOU GIVE IT TO ME?

SQUISH

CARL!?
WHY
EVER SINCE THIS MAN KNEW THE TASTE OF MY BLOOD, HE HAS BELONGED TO ME
HE CANNOT DISOBEY ME

HE BELONGS TO GOD.
CARL .....
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY HE BELONGS TO YOU OR SOMETHING?
YOU'RE WRONG..... CARL.....
TO BE TIED TOGETHER BY HATRED, A MARRIAGE OF DARKNESS.
HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THAT GOD, WE ARE FATED...
.....YES, HIS BLOODLINE BELONGS TO GOD.

SFX: (THUD)
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT ME LIKE THAT?
MY—
LO-RD—

SFX: (JERK)
I DON'T MIND GIVING YOU MY HEART,
BUT IN RETURN

BI_
BI_
BA
SFX. <CHHHH>
BEAUTI-
FUL... THE
COLOR OF
THE SKY...
A COLOR
LOVED BY
GOD, IS
IT...?

CARL!
I'LL TAKE THIS BACK
HE WILL NOT DIE, NOT UNTIL I ALLOW HIM TO
SFX. (THUD)
HOWEVER, THAT EYE SOCKET WILL REMAIN EMPTY UNLESS SOMETHING TAKES THE PLACE OF THIS MISSING EYE.
AND THAT THROAT, BURNED BY SCRIPTURE, CAN ONLY BE HEALED WITH A VIRGIN'S BLOOD.
DRUID WITCH, THAT MAN WILL NEVER LOOK TO YOU.
HIS ONLY WISH IS TO DESTROY
THE MISSION GIVEN TO HIM BY GOD AND HIS HATRED TOWARDS ME ARE THE ONLY THINGS KEEPING HIM ALIVE

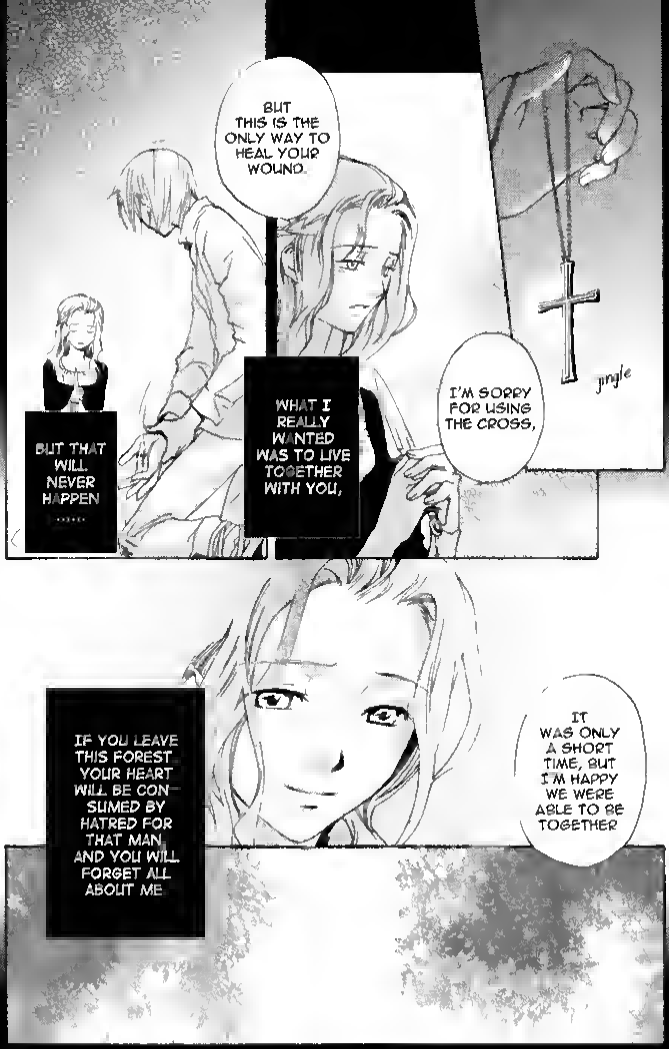
.....YOU WANT TO STEAL EVERYTHING BUT HIS HATRED TOWARDS YOU FROM THIS MAN, DON'T YOU.....
THAT MAY BE.
I AM CERTAINLY A VERY JEALOUS MAN
I AM WAITING FOR THE DAY WHEN HIS HEART WILL BE FILLED WITH NOTHING BUT HATRED FOR ME
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, WE WILL HAVE FOUGHT ENOUGH TO END OUR MARRIAGE OF DARKNESS
YES,

YOU'RE MAD
TILL DEATH DO US PART.....

CARL
.....
IT'S TRUE, HIS EYE AND THROAT ARE STILL.....
YOU CAN'T!!
DO YOU STILL PLAN TO FOLLOW HIM?
WHY? WHAT GOOD WILL IT DO TO DEFEAT HIM?
TO BE HURT THIS MUCH? TO GO SO FAR AS TO LOSE YOUR EYE AND YOUR VOICE?
TELL ME!!

.....
CARL,

USE MY EYE
GRAB
I WANT TO BE OF HELP TO YOU
SFX. (CATCH)


BUT THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO HEAL YOUR WOUND.
I'M SORRY FOR USING THE CROSS,
WHAT I REALLY WANTED WAS TO LIVE TOGETHER WITH YOU,
BUT THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN ……
IT WAS ONLY A SHORT TIME, BUT I'M HAPPY WE WERE ABLE TO BE TOGETHER
IF YOU LEAVE THIS FOREST YOUR HEART WILL BE CONSUMED BY HATRED FOR THAT MAN, AND YOU WILL FORGET ALL ABOUT ME

THANK YOU___FOR CALLING MY NAME.
tremble
DON'T FORGET ME
I WILL ENGRAVE MYSELF INTO YOUR HEART THIS WAY.....
THERE-FORE,
FOR-GIVE ME.

Auuh.
—ARL

THE FOREST WILL NOT FORGIVE YOU.....
ROSINE LOST HER LIFE FOR YOU.
NONE OF THE CREATURES OF THIS FOREST WILL LET YOU PASS.
AND ALTHOUGH WE KNOW THE WOUND WOULD HEAL, ALL OF US WILL TEAR THE WINDPIPE RIGHT OUT OF YOUR THROAT
THE TREES WILL NOT HESITATE TO SNAP THEIR OWN LIMBS IN ORDER TO PIERCE YOUR

IF YOU WILL KILL ME, THEN SO BE IT
THAT EYE....
HOWEVER, I DO NOT INTEND TO BE KILLED AT THIS MOMENT
.....
WHY DO YOU AND THAT MAN GO TO SUCH LENGTHS TO KILL EACH OTHER?
WHY?
FOR WHAT REASON
AFTER-WARDS, YOU CAN DO WHAT LIKE WITH THIS BODY OF MINE
I HAVE DRUNKEN HER BLOOD AND TAKEN THIS EYE BECAUSE THERE IS SOME-THING THAT I NEED TO DO

BECAUSE WE HAVE TO.
IT IS...
TUR
OUR DESTINY, ORDAINED BY GOD

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Click...
HOW BOORISH
Halts

ARE YOU PLANNING TO SPREAD THE SMELL OF GUNPOWDER THROUGHOUT THIS BEAUTIFUL NIGHT?
CARL VAN HELSING.
!
SINCE WHEN DID HE KNOW MY NAME.....?
DON'T SAY MY NAME AS THOUGH YOU KNOW ME!

JUST WHAT SIN DID YOU COMMIT?
?
YOU DON'T THINK SO? YOU THROW AWAY YOUR WORK, YOUR FAMILY, AND SPEND YOUR LIFE CHASING AFTER US.....
EVERY-ONE WHO BEARS THE HELSING NAME...
IF IT'S NOT A PUNISH-MENT, THEN WHAT IS IT?
IT'S NOT A PUNISH-MENT.
IT IS MY FAMILY'S SACRED FATE.
DEFEATING YOU IS A MISSION GIVEN TO ME BY GOD.

THAT'S RIGHT!!
SO YOU'LL KEEP CHASING ME UNTIL ONE OF US IS DEAD——
——IT WAS ORDAINED BY GOD, YOU SAY?
THE MOMENT YOU BIT FLORA WITH THOSE VENOMOUS FANGS I SWORE—!!

THAT I WOULD FOLLOW YOU TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH AND STAB A WOODEN STAKE THROUGH YOUR HEART!
HE KNOWS ABOUT THAT ...?
...I SEE
.....TO THE TWO OF YOU, IT PROBABLY SEEMS LIKE IT HAPPENED LONG AGO.....

CONTINUE YOUR OATH AND YOUR SWORN MISSION FROM GOO——
——VERY WELL THEN, CHASE ME
HEH...
WHEN YOU FEEL AS THOUGH SICKNESS IS KILLING YOU, YOUR HATRED FOR ME WILL HELP YOU CRAWL UP FROM THE GROUND
WHEN YOU'RE STARVING TO DEATH, YOU CAN FEED YOURSELF WITH THAT SACRED DUTY

SFX: <FWOOSH>
WAIT!!
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH EVEN
SFX: <FLAP, BAT SCREECHES>

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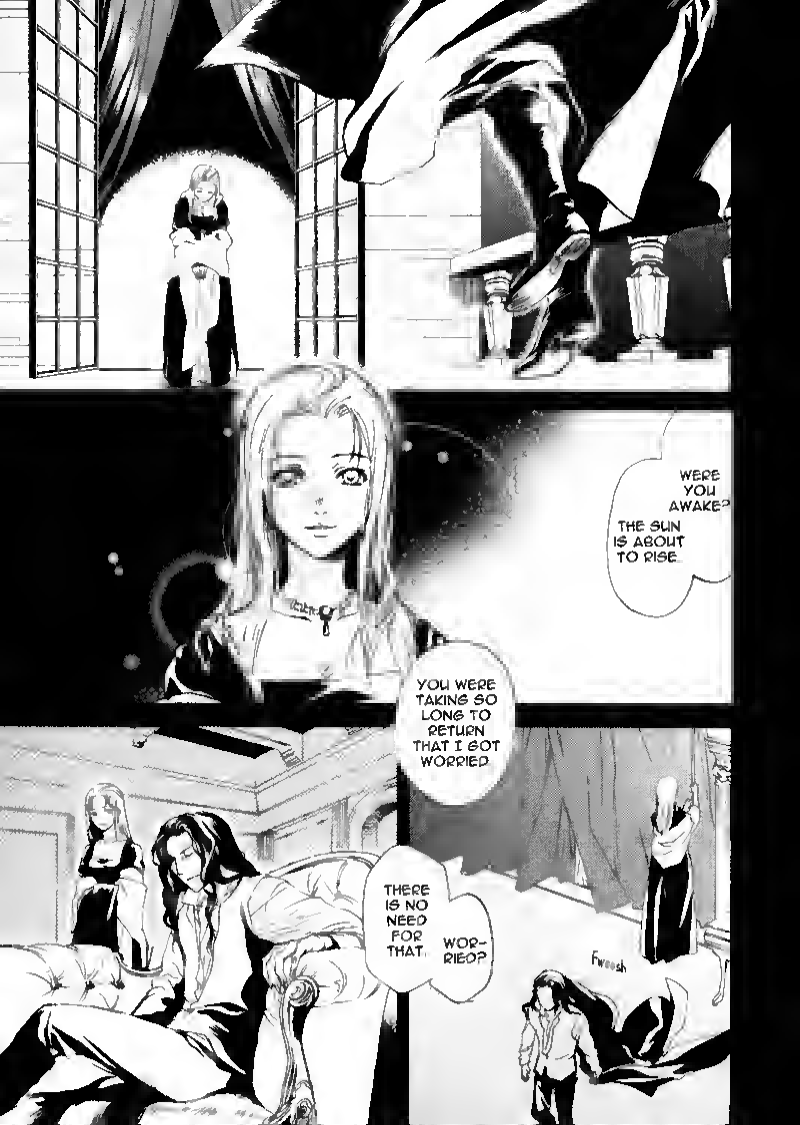
WELCOME HOME,
ELLIOT-SAMA.


WERE YOU AWAKE? THE SUN IS ABOUT TO RISE.
YOU WERE TAKING SO LONG TO RETURN THAT I GOT WORRIED.
THERE IS NO NEED FOR THAT.
WOR-RIED?
Fwoosh

DID SOMETHING GOOD HAPPEN TONIGHT?
CAN YOU TELL?
I SEE EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU.....
.....I MET THAT KIO FROM BACK THEN.
.....CHILD?
YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
.....

HIS NAME WAS CARL, I THINK
CARL VAN HELSING...
HELSING !!?

SFX: <RUSTLE>

NO NEED TO BE SO HATEFUL
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!
THE HELSING NAME BELONGS TO THOSE WHO HUNT IN THE NIGHT
THEY ARE INVADERS IN OUR TERRITORY, ARE THEY NOT?
IT SEEMS THAT HE IS MY "MATE"

A MARRIAGE OF DARKNESS, TIED TOGETHER BY HATRED.
WELL,
THAT IS WAS A FATE ORDAINED BY GOD EVEN
YOU SEE, HE SAID THAT HE WOULD CHASE ME TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH...
AND THAT HE WOULDN'T STOP 'INT!! ONE OF US WAS DESTROYED
HEH
THEN AM I NO LONGER YOUR BRIDE?

DON'T BE SO ANGRY
THIS FATE CONTROLLED BY GOD ONLY LASTS UNTIL DEATH,
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, YOU SHOULD JUST DESTROY IT
THAT NAME BRINGS BACK MEMO-RIES...
CARL...
20 years ago

*Ojousama (お嬢様)- An honorific for young ladies often of high class or social status. Roughly translated as "Miss."

I was just a bit dizzy, I feel better in the fresh air...
Flora-ojousama,
—Ojou-sama*,
how are you feeling?
Don't strain yourself too hard...
Just when your health is getting better...
No need to exag-gerate
—I'll go fetch some water
Thank you

Shock
Carl?
If you'd like to hear the Priest's sermon, you should go inside.
...Good afternoon, Ojou-sama.
It's just me, Flora.
Poop
So I just stay out here...
If I go inside, they get mad at me
.....

Yeah.
Okay?
Then perhaps I shall listen from out here as well
I see
SFX: SPLASH
What are you doing!!
!!

Carl
Ojou-sama, you shouldn't...
get so close to this fatherless vagabond child!!
If I let you talk to such a child, I'll be scolded by the master
Hold on...— please stop!!
Don't get so close to Ojousama!!
Now get out of here!!
Ah!
...
SFX: <DASH>
That child's father ran out and hasn't returned, right?
It's better not to get involved with him.....
Hey, did that kid do some-thing?
Jeez, won't anyone listen to me.

Carl's father suddenly disappeared long before he could even remember
No matter how many times he asked about his father's whereabouts, his mother would never tell
Calling them outsiders with no excuse other than the disappearance of his father, Carl and his mother were persecuted

I am the creator of heaven and earth
Believe in me as the Almighty Father, God in heaven
and my son, the
Um... Lord, Jesus Christ
Carl
I'm sorry about earlier
It's okay, there's no one here
Um..

Here.
If you have this, you can pray any time you'd like, right?
How is your health—?
I'm fine, I feel better in the evening.
Oh, are you sure it's okay
will you accept it?
Of course.
Thank you, I will treasure it.

He prayed for the happiness of a kind person.
That night, he prayed to the cross for the first time.
KYAAAAAAAA

Carl!
You're awake. Are you all right?
...A scary dream.
Is that it.....
But you're inside the house, so there's no need to worry.
...A dream.....?
Gasp

Ching
Carl,
where are you going!?
Stop!!
SFX. (BANG)
You aren't allowed to go outside tonight.
Carl!!
Fwsh
Come back, Carl!

Flora's house.....?
Hah
Hah

KREEK
Floral?

Scrip-ture!?
Hellsing?
Please rise and the Holy Ghost
Amen
MY LORD.
MY LORD!!
He has good blood
Mon-ster—!!
Ho—he can use the scrip ture at such a young age, huh—?

You stopped the scripture for me.
I thank you.
I'll give my thanks to all you fools.
And to the young Halsing, you should know...
Ojou-sama!!
Someone go call the Priest!!
MY LORD!
LORD...
You're in the way, move!
Uwah!
ばしっ
SFX: <SHOVE>

how
powerless
you are!

AFTER THAT NIGHT, MY MOTHER TOLD ME ABOUT MY FATHER FOR THE FIRST TIME.....
SHE TOLD ME THAT HE CARRIED THE BLOOD OF THE HELSING FAMILY, THE HUNTERS OF VAMPIRES
SHE TOLD ME THAT HE THREW AWAY HIS FAMILY IN ORDER TO CHASE THEM
THAT I, WHO RAN OUT OF THE HOUSE AFTER FEELING THE PRESENCE OF A DEMON, WAS ENLIGHTENED BY THE BLOOD OF THE SAME FAMILY.
SHE TOLD ME EVERYTHING

FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO SAVE FLORA.
THOSE WHO KNEW THE MEANING OF THE HELSING NAME SHOWERED ME WITH BLAME...
THE RUMOR SPREAD SOME-HOW.
WHEN THE PEOPLE'S DESPAIR TURNED TO VIOLENCE,
MY MOTHER, FEARING FOR MY SAFETY, TOOK ME AND LEFT TOWN IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT.
SINCE THEN, I HAVE NEVER SET FOOT BACK IN THAT PLACE.

Skch
THIS TIME FOR SURE, I WILL NOT LET HIM ESCAPE
FLORA
I'VE FINALLY FOUND HIM..... THAT VAMPIRE.
Click
WHO'S THERE
I DON'T LIKE THOSE,
WOULD YOU PUT AWAY THAT DANGER-OUS THING?

FLO-RA
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME
YOU'VE BECOME A FINE MAN, I'M SO HAPPY
NOW LET ME HAVE A GOOD LOOK AT YOUR FACE

SFX. <GU>

.....
FAREWELL

SFX. <BAM>
HELSING,
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO DIE.
SFX. <CLANG>
SFX. <SQUEEZE>

.....IN THE...
NAME OF...
THE FATHER, THE SON...
AND THE HOLY GHOST...
BE GONE!!
SCREAM. (GYAAAA!!)

SFX: (FWOOM)
Grab
AAH!
MY...
MY BODY IS.....

DAMN YOU .....
DAMN YOU HELSING!!

HUMANS ARE BORN FROM DUST AND WILL RETURN TO DUST
DUST THAT HAS BECOME A HUMAN FORM..
Ching

SFX: <SSSSTT>
—THROW AWAY THAT FORM.
!!
AAH!
AH...
AAH.....
AH.....
AH...

WHY DO YOU CLING TO IT SO?
THAT BODY'S PULSE NO LONGER KEEPS TIME——
CREATING NOTHING, SPREADING YOUR CURSE,
ONLY DRAGGING OTHERS INTO THE CURSED DARKNESS, A FALSE LIFE——
WHY?
WHY……
YOU SAY?

FOR HIS SAKE
WHETHER THIS LIFE IS FALSE OR REAL HAS NO MEANING
I WILL SIMPLY LIVE FOREVER WITH HIM IN THIS FORM THAT CAPTURED HIS EYES.
I DO NOT NEED TO BE SAVED.

BECAUSE, THAT NIGHT, I CHOSE THAT MAN OVER GOD.
——IF THAT IS SO,
THEN ACCORDING TO MY FAMILY'S CREED, I WILL DESTROY YOU——
DE-STROY ME?
I WONDER IF YOU CAN.
!?
FREEZE

THOSE WHO WALK TOGETHER WITH CHRIST—
SCRIPTURE!! THIS IS . . .
WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST. THOSE WHO SUFFER WILL RULE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST...
THE POWER THAT ONLY THE HELSING FAMILY CAN USE, IT BINDS CREATURES OF DARKNESS.
SFX: <TENSE>
THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO ABSOLUTELY DESTROY A VAMPIRE
THAT IS TO DRIVE A WOODEN STAKE OR A SILVER BULLET THROUGH THEIR HEART—
KACHAK

!!
—OP
S
CHOK
.....TOP
.....
ONLY THAT FAMILY HAS THIS POWER...
THEN HE WAS THE ONE.....
THOUGH I'M BOUND BY THE SCRIPTURE, IF I COULD JUST SPEAK...
—RL
CARL

I BROKE IT ...!!
CARL,
STO P
FLORA
NOW YOU DIE!!

——MY SOUL, PRAISE THE LORD.
WHILE I STILL HAVE LIFE, I WILL PRAISE HIM.
AS LONG AS IT WILL LAST, I WILL SING A SONG OF PRAISE TO MY GOD

ELL
IO T
SAMA
SFX (FLOP)

.....
—— WHEN THE SPIRIT LEAVES THE BODY,
HUMANS RETURN TO THE EARTH THAT THEY BELONG TO.
ON THAT DAY, THEIR MEMORY DIES AS WELL——
ALL THE WORDS WRITTEN IN THE BIBLE ARE SCRIPTURE.
"HUMANS ARE ALL LIKE BLADES OF GRASS, AND THEIR BRILLIANCE LIKE THE FLOWERS"
"THE GRASS WITHERS, AND FLOWER PETALS FALL"
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YOU ARE BRILLIANT AS ALWAYS, IT SEEMS.
YOU'RE TOO LATE VAMPIRE.
HOWEVER, THE ONLY WAY IT POSES A THREAT TO US—
IS WITH A SPECIAL INTONATION AND UNWAVERING FAITH THEY SAY—!
THAT'S NOT TRUE
JUST AS I WAS GROWING WEARY OF HER,
YOU KILLED FLORA FOR ME.

THE ONE WHO KILLED HER WAS YOU!!
—TRUE ....
THAT NIGHT, I STOPPED TIME FOR HER,
BUT DID SHE NOT STILL EXIST IN THIS WORLD?
IF YOU WANT TO CALL IT DEATH THAT'S YOUR PREROGATIVE,
BUT THOUGH IT IS TRANSIENT, A LIFE IS A LIFE
THE ONE WHO STOLE IT FROM HER WAS NOT ME, BUT YOU,
CARL VAN HELSING.

I WON'T FORGIVE YOU—
VAM-PIRE!!
I WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!!
FOR ALL ETERNITY!!
ETER-NITY— YOU SAY?

AL-
AS A MORTAL BEING.....
OOO OATH
WHO DOES NOT KNOW ETERNITY, YOU ARE STILL SWEARING!?
OH NO.....
THEN THAT BODY SHOULD KNOW.
AS YOU HAVE SWORN .....

YOU SHALL CHASE ME, EVEN UNTIL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.
—MY LORD,
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU FALL, YOUR HATRED FOR ME WILL LIFT YOU UP.
MY LORD,
FOR ETER-NITY.

MY LORD.

LIKE A DEER SEARCHING FOR WATER IN A DRY VALLEY,

MY SOUL SEARCHES FOR YOU.

LORD, LORD OF MY LIFE, MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR YOU

WHEN I AM BEFORE HIM,

WILL I BE ABLE TO LOOK UP INTO THE LORD'S FACE?

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SCRAPE
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING

IS IT NOT VERY DISRE-SPECT-FUL...
FOR A NUN TO DISTURB A GRAVE?
IS THAT SOMETHING TO SAY TO SOMEONE WHO IS COMING TO A GRAVE LATE AT NIGHT?
.....DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS IN THERE?
.....ARE YOU...
SAYING THAT YOU KNOW?

WHAT IS IT THAT THIS GRAVE...
CON-TAINS?
IF THIS PERSON'S EYES ARE.....
ASHES
EH.....
TEN YEARS AGO.
THE ASHES OF A VAMPIRE WHO HAD BEEN STAKED AND TURNED TO DUST—
MY BODY IS MOVING BY ITSELF.....
WHY.....
SO I WAS RIGHT.....
MIKU
.....

WHAT...
I WANT IS——
WHY ARE YOU DIGGING UP THE GRAVE?
TO AWAKEN HIM...
FOR WHAT REASON?
DO YOU WANT TO BE IMMORTAL?
NO.....
LET'S GO.
Grab
W... WHAT...
ARE YOU!?

I AM...
A VAMPIRE.
MY NAME IS CARL.
RUSTLE
THIS IS BAD, THERE ARE PEOPLE COMING.
SHOUT
SHOUT
SHOUT
YOU LIVE AT THE CONVENT, DON'T YOU?
I WILL ESCORT YOU BACK TO THE ENTRANCE
I JUST A MO-MENT!
IT COULDN'T BE THAT YOU-
WANT TO AWAKEN HIM?

IF I KEEP WATCH, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET HIM OUT NOW
I AM SURE THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE .....
PLEASE .....
.....
LET'S AWAKEN HIM TOGETHER.
IF THAT IS THE CASE, THEN OUR OBJECTIVES ARE THE SAME
I HAVE SWORN THAT I WILL TO GOD
IT DOES NOT MATTER IF YOU ARE INJURED AND HAVE NO COURAGE!!
I DO NOT.....
—— I CANNOT DO THAT.
WHY EVER NOT?

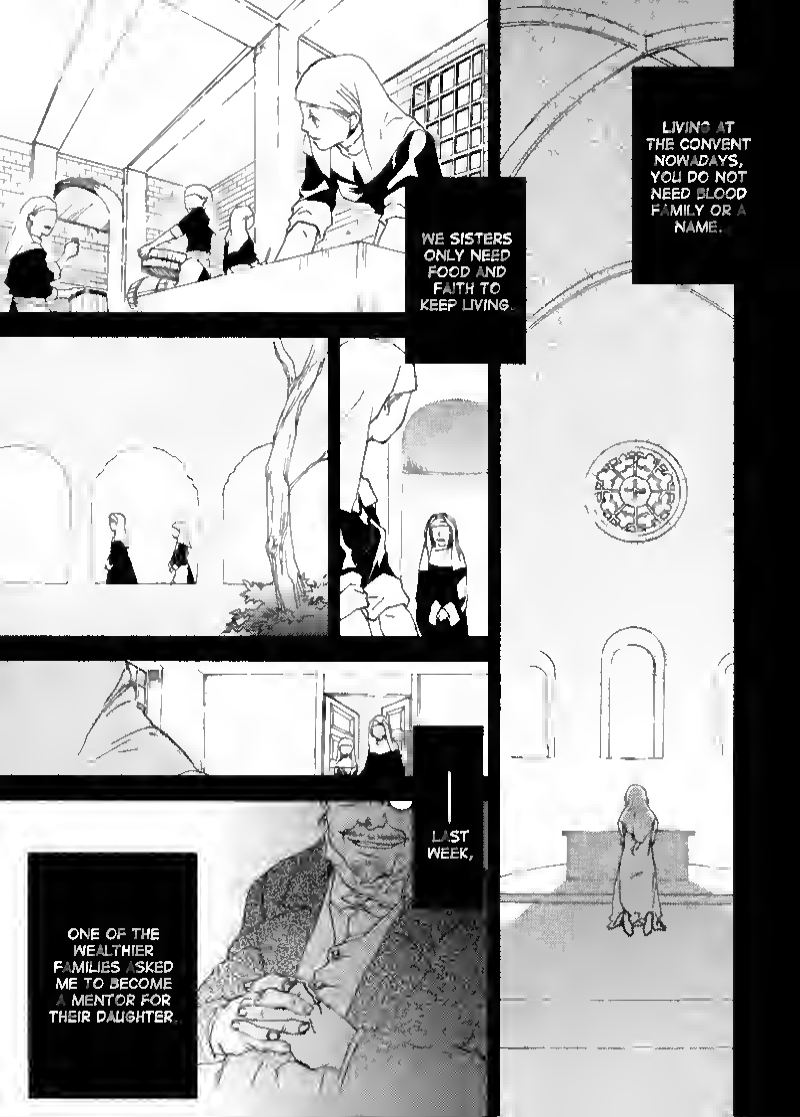
—— I DO NOT HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.....
UOO——!
SO,
PLEASE...

THE CANDLES JUST ...!?
psh
I WAS NOT AWARE THAT THIS MANSION WAS HERE
NORMAL PEOPLE ARE NOT ABLE TO FIND THIS PLACE.
THEY'RE "HIS" SERVANTS.
I NO LONGER KNOW THOSE THINGS.
BOTH "HE" AND I DO NOT REQUIRE THE LIGHTS HOWEVER,
IT WOULD BE A PROBLEM FOR YOU, IS THAT NOT SO?
NEITHER THE HEAT, NOR THE COLDNESS, NOR THE WARMTH OF THE FIRE .....

SO WHY DO YOU CONTINUE TO LIVE THEN?
ARE YOU REGRETTING THE PATH YOU HAVE CHOSEN?
NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED BECOMING A VAMPIRE IN THE FIRST PLACE.
I.
——I SWORE FOR THE SAKE OF REDEMPTION——
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU
SWORE WHAT?

I WAS RAISED BY "HIM."
PLEASED TO MEET YOU, MY NAME IS MARIA
I HAVE NOT EVEN INTRODUCED MYSELF YET
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,
...YOU SAID THAT YOU WOULD KEEP WATCH, DID YOU NOT?
IS THAT SOMETHING THAT CONCERNS "HIM"?
YOU COULD SAY THAT IT CONCERNS HIM, BUT THEN YOU COULD ALSO SAY THAT IT DOESN'T.

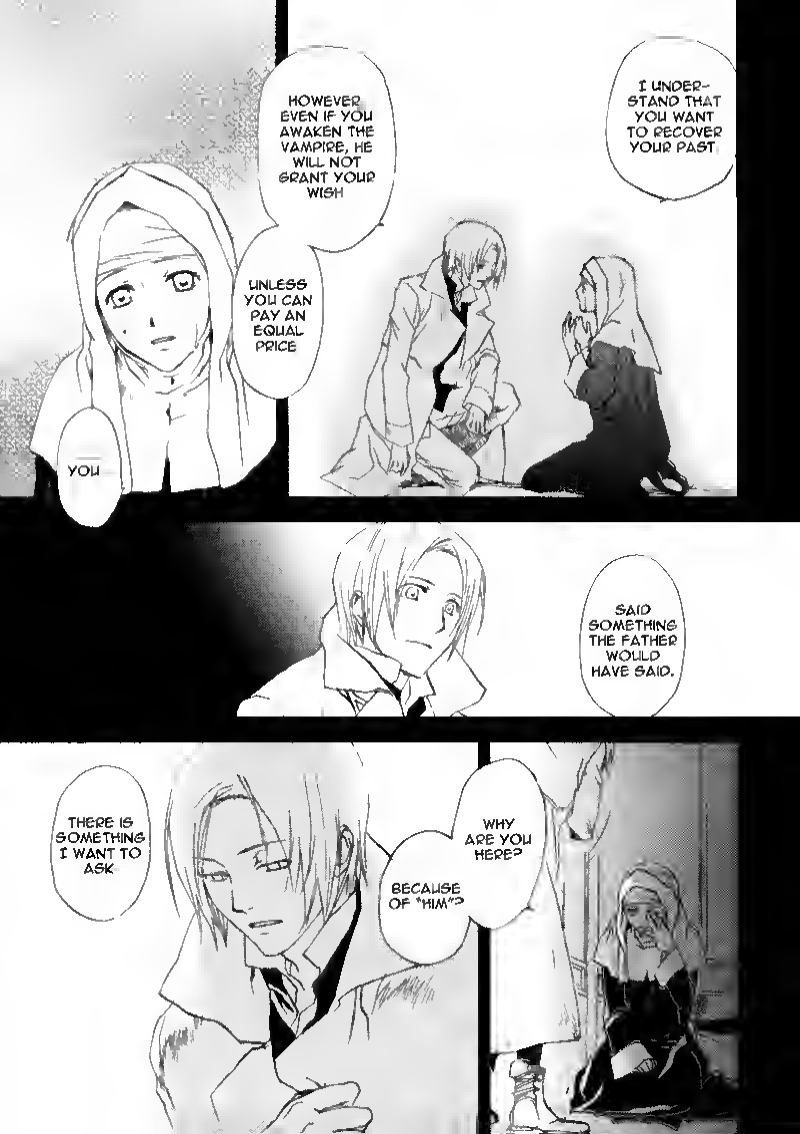
SINCE THE DAY OF "HIS" HUNT WHEN I WAS SAVED, I HAVE GROWN UP IN THE CONVENT.
TO EMPHASIZE MY INNOCENCE, I WAS GIVEN THE NAME "MARIA."
MY MEMORIES OF THE TIMES WHEN I WAS WITH "HIM" ARE VERY VAGUE
I AM UNABLE TO REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT MY FAMILY.
BUT EVEN SO, I AM STILL HAPPY


LIVING AT THE CONVENT NOWADAYS, YOU DO NOT NEED BLOOD FAMILY OR A NAME.
WE SISTERS ONLY NEED FOOD AND FAITH TO KEEP LIVING.
LAST WEEK,
ONE OF THE WEALTHIER FAMILIES ASKED ME TO BECOME A MENTOR FOR THEIR DAUGHTER.

!!
HE THEN ASKED ME TO BECOME HIS MISTRESS
HIS DAUGHTER WAS YOUNGER THAN ME AND WAS REFUSING TO GET MARRIED
A LOT OF ORPHANS HAVE COME TO US SINCE THE WAR
THEY WERE ALL STARVING,
AND THE CONVENT DOES NOT HAVE A LOT OF MONEY
HE SAID THAT IF ONE PERSON WAS TO SACRIFICE HERSELF, THE REMAINING NINETY-NINE COULD BE SAVED
AND SO, I BECAME EVEN MORE OF A BLACK SHEEP
THAT IS HOW IT IS

ARE YOU JUST GOING TO GIVE IN TO FATE?
DID YOU NOT EVER THINK OF RUNNING AWAY SOMEWHERE?
IS THAT REALLY ALL RIGHT?
I DID NOT NEED ANYTHING OTHER THAN BEING A NUN.
EVEN IF I HAD NOT BEEN A NUN, I WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY TO JUST
IF I DID THAT... I WOULD CAUSE TROUBLE FOR THE OTHER SISTERS.
ALSO, IF I DID THAT, WHERE WOULD I GO?

——I ALSO WANT TO KNOW IF IS POSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE FORGIVEN
OF ALL I REMEMBER, "HE" NEVER ONCE CALLED ME BY MY NAME
IF I CANNOT CONTINUE TO LIVE AS "MARIA" I WANT TO RETURN TO LIVING WITH THAT NAME
IS IT A SIN TO WANT SOMETHING FOR MYSELF ?
.....
IF YOU ARE ASKING ME,
I THINK THE ONLY SIN YOU HAVE COMMITTED IS LEAVING THE CONVENT.


I UNDER-STAND THAT YOU WANT TO RECOVER YOUR PAST
HOWEVER EVEN IF YOU AWAKEN THE VAMPIRE, HE WILL NOT GRANT YOUR WISH
UNLESS YOU CAN PAY AN EQUAL PRICE
YOU
SAID SOMETHING THE FATHER WOULD HAVE SAID.
THERE IS SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK
BECAUSE OF "HIM"?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?

IT IS ABOUT TIME FOR THE SUN TO COME UP. I WILL WITHDRAW TO A DIFFERENT ROOM
WAIT
EVEN IF IT IS ONLY A LITTLE BIT, IT DOES SLIGHTLY RELATE TO YOUR PAST
SOME-THING YOU WANT TO ASK?
IS THERE SOME-THING ELSE?
LET ME GIVE YOU A PIECE OF ADVICE
IF YOU WANT TO HIDE HERE, THEN YOU SHOULD REMOVE YOUR CROSS
BECAUSE THE SERVANTS WILL PROTECT YOU

I ASKED THEM FOR ADVICE, AND THEY SAID THAT YOU HAD BEEN ABSENT FOR A LONG TIME AND THAT YOU WOULD BRING BACK OUR MASTER.
SINCE I HAVE A PLACE OF MY OWN TO SLEEP, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE NICE FOR YOU AS WELL.
OF COURSE, I HAD TO MAKE SOME ACCOMMO-DATIONS FOR YOU
BECAUSE YOU ARE ALIVE
"WHEN YOU FALL INTO DESPAIR, YOU WILL THEN MEET HIM."
IT'S JUST LIKE THEY SAID.....

WHAT A BIG PICTURE.....
I WONDER IF IT IS DAWN ALREADY...
PERHAPS THEY HAVE ALREADY DISCOVERED THAT I HAVE VANISHED.
THEY MAY EVEN THINK THAT I RAN AWAY
CLACK
IT WAS SURELY SUPPOSED TO BE ROMANTIC
BUT THAT IS FINE WITH ME. I JUST WANT TO LIVE FOR MYSELF
EVEN IF IT'S JUST A SINGLE WORD TO "HIM".....
HENRY

EVEN THOUGH I HAVE FORGOTTEN MOST THINGS, HE WAS UNABLE TO ERASE EVERYTHING.
A FIGURE CLOAKED IN DARKNESS
.....
I WANT TO MEET "HIM" JUST ONE MORE TIME.....

IT LOOKS LIKE THE MANSION'S SERVANTS HAVE GATHERED THINGS THAT THEY THOUGHT WOULD PLEASE A WOMAN.
RATTLE
IS THAT ALL YOU DESIRE___?
I... I'M SORRY.....
BE-CAUSE, I.....
DID NOT MAKE GOOD USE OF YOUR HOSPITAL-ITY.....
WHY ARE YOU APOL-OGIZ-ING?
CLATTER
DO NOT SAY SUCH SILLY THINGS.....
...

THE BITTERNESS OF REALITY DEPENDS ON THE FATE THAT WE MUST WEAR
YOU SHOULD NOT DWELL ON WHAT IS LOST
IF YOU WISH TO RUN AWAY, THEN I WILL ASSIST YOU
IF YOUR FAITH IS NOT STRONG ENOUGH, WOULD IT NOT BE BETTER TO TAKE A DIFFERENT PATH?
EVEN THEN, THOUGH, IT CAN NOT BE COMPARED TO THE DARKNESS
NO,
I DON'T WANT THEM TO VANISH.....
—— BUT MY NAME——
DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS REQUIRED TO REVIVE "HIM"?
I DON'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE THIS IS ALL I WANT——

ASH AND THE BLOOD OF A YOUNG GIRL ARE NECESSARY
ONCE "HE" AWAKENS, HE WILL HUNGER FOR BLOOD
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF HE WERE TO ATTACK THE CONVENT?
YOU DID NOT EVEN CONSIDER THAT DID YOU?
AND THEN YOU, WHO WILL LIVE FOR ETERNITY, WOULD MOST LIKELY SERVE HIM AND SEEK OUT BLOOD
OR HE MAY EVEN DRINK YOUR BLOOD, YOU WHO WANTED TO REVIVE HIM.
CAN ONE WHO CHOSE THE PATH OF FAITH LIVE IN THE DARKNESS?

YOU SHOULD NOT CONCERN YOURSELF WITH VAMPIRES.
YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO WALK IN THE LIGHT.
SFX: <SNAP>
KREEK
SFX: <CRUNCH>

SFX: <GRAB>
KYA!
A WERE-WOLF!?
SFX: <PUNCH>
SFX: <CRASH>
DO NOT INTERFERE, YOU'VE ALREADY FALLEN INTO DARKNESS, HELSING!!

I WILL LEAVE YOU WITH THAT GREEN EYE STILL IN YOUR HEAD!!
—TSK!!
SFX: <BOOM>
SFX: <PHONE WHISTLE>
—— ONE THING IS CLEAR...
I HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO OBSTRUCT THE MASTER'S RESURREC-TION

SFX: <FLOAT>
WILL I MAKE IT IN TIME ...?
I CAN'T LET HER BE SACRIFICED TO "HIM"

SFX: <RUSTLE>

SFX: (SCRAPE)
I.... WHAT ON EARTH.....
DON'T TRY TO ESCAPE GIRL!!
THE MOON IS FULL, THE AIR IS THICK WITH FAITH,
AND THE ONE WHO HE HAS CHOSEN TO BE HIS BRIDE IS HERE!!
TONIGHT IS A ONE IN A THOUSAND OPPORTUNITY

SFX: (SKRCH)
THAT'S RIGHT,
SO THAT I CAN AWAKEN HIM.
ARE YOU GOING TO KILL ME?
.....IS THAT SO?
I AM AFRAID
PERHAPS, BECAUSE IT IS YOU,
YET, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ESCAPE FROM YOU, WOULD I?
SO THAT MUST MEAN THAT THIS IS FATE

NO
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY I WILL FINISH YOU WITH ONE BLOW.
YOU WON'T SUFFER
HOWEVER, I DO HAVE ONE REQUEST.
IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE TO LIVE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE
SFX. <SMASH>
THERE IS SOMETHING THAT I WANT TO KNOW
SO I WOULD LIKE TO STILL BE ALIVE ONCE HE WAKES

WELL, HE HAS BEEN ONE TO LIKE STRANGE THINGS
YOU'RE A STRANGE ONE.....
SFX. <DIG>

HENRY.
AH!! THIS IS IT.
WITH THIS, HE CAN BE REVIVED!!

RECENTLY
.....
RECENTLY, HE HAS.....
AFTER "HE" HAS AWOKEN, HE NEEDS TO DRINK BLOOD
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF HE WERE TO ATTACK THE CONVENT?
GUAA!
OR HE MAY EVEN DRINK YOUR BLOOD, YOU WHO WANTED TO REVIVE HIM
SHIT!!
IT'S BEEN SEALED SO THAT PEOPLE LIKE ME CAN'T TOUCH IT

Those who love their master, will protect their master.
LIKE DIS-OBEYING THE NURSEMAID,
YOU WILL FALL.....
SFX: <SHOCK>
SFX: <JUMP>
SFX: <ARG>
SLIDE
DOES SHE KNOW THAT WHAT SHE JUST SAID WAS EXTREMELY INSULTING TO US?
GIRL.
?

IF YOU CAN MOVE IT EVEN A LITTLE BIT, THE SEAL WILL BE BROKEN
IT'S NO GOOD IF WE COULD JUST KNOCK THE REVERTS
IF ALL WE NEED TO DO IS MOVE THE LID, THEN SINCE THERE IS DECAY EVEN YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE IT
IF WE COULD JUST MOVE THE COFFIN LID
IT MOV...
...
CLATTER
SCRAPE
PUSH
STOP IT.

SFX. <SWIRL>
DO NOT OPEN THAT!!
SFX. <APPEAR>
CARL!!
HE IS A VAMPIRE WHO CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING!
I DIDN'T THINK THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO USE THE DARKNESS.
BUT YOU ARE TOO LATE.
SFX. <SMASH>

SFX: <SLICE>
SFX: <CLATTER>
FOR A VAMPIRE WHO DOESN'T DRINK BLOOD, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO EVEN SCRATCH US UNDER THE POWER OF THE FULL MOON.
IT'S NO USE.
!

WHAT IS WITH THIS STEAM?
WHY ARE YOU OPPOSING LEGOSI?
EVEN YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT WE DEPEND ON HIM... DOESN'T EVERYONE IN THIS AREA CALL UPON HIM?
MOVE.
AND FOR WHAT?
ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU WANT TO HELP THAT GIRL!?
EVEN THOUGH YOU KILLED ROSINE.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET...
HOW YOU KILLED THE COVENANT'S LAST MAIDEN"
GIRL, YOU SHOULDN'T BELIEVE THIS GUY
HE'S ONLY MOVING FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES
AFTER HE HAD AIDED A WOMAN AND DRUNKEN HER BLOOD HE THEN GOUGED OUT HER EYES
HIS ONLY OBJECTIVE IS TO GET YOUR BLOOD
ONCE YOU LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, HE WILL THEN BITE INTO YOUR THROAT...
WHOSE LEFT EYE IS THAT?
THAT'S WRONG !!
WHAT'S WRONG?
I SEE YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN.

IS THERE ANYONE TO FORGET YOU?
THE FOREST DOESN'T WANT YOU!
I CAN'T COMPLAIN UNTIL I HAVE TORN HIM APART.
UNTIL I HAVE FINISHED, I CANNOT DRINK HER BLOOD OR CLAIM HER EYE.
I CAN NOT KILL HIM NOW.
REJECT
SFX: <SLIDE>
SFX: <CRASH>
WHAT? "GOD CONTROLS OUR DESTINY"?
MY ANSWER WILL BE NO DIFFERENT FROM LAST TIME!

YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE WORRYING ABOUT THE GIRL!
HOWEVER, THAT IS NONE OF OUR BUSINESS.
SFX. <COLLAPSE>
!!
AAH!
GAA!
SFX. <CRUNCH>
SFX. <CHOMP>

SFX: <PWOOM>
SFX: <SWIRL>
MY WOUNDS DON'T HURT ANYMORE.....
AT THIS RATE, I WILL DIE BEFORE I GET TO MEET HIM
CLATTER
CLATTER
SFX: <CRACKLE>

WHY HAVE YOU AWOKEN ME?
WHAT A MASSIVE DARK POWER
SFX: (SWIRL)
HOW CAN THIS STRONG A VAMPIRE EXIST? HE BROKE THE SEAL SO EASILY
SFX: (TWITCH)
DO YOU HAVE A PATHETIC PROBLEM FOR ME TO SOLVE?

GIRL!
THE ONES WHO WANTED TO AWAKEN YOU WAS NOT US, YOUR SERVANTS, BUT THAT GIRL AND VAMPIRE.
DO YOU WANT TO LIVE FOREVER?
.....HENRY...
M—MY—TRUE—NAME—
.....TELL ME.....

THE CHILD FROM THAT OCCASION.
SHE IS THE HUMAN GIRL THAT YOU WANTED TO RAISE INTO A BRIDE.
YOU ARE...
I DON'T KNOW.
TELL... ME.
SFX: <FLUTTER>
I DIDN'T THINK THAT IT WOULD BE THAT TEDIOUS.
AT THAT TIME, I WAS KILLING ONE PERSON A DAY FROM DIFFERENT VILLAGES.
AMONG THOSE WAS A WOMAN HOLDING A CHILD.
I THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO SEE IF I COULD RAISE A HUMAN'S CHILD.

SFX: <JUMP>
HANG IN THERE.
MARIA!!
SFX: <DASH>
I... WONDER WHERE I AM GOING...
"HEAVEN'S GATES" WON'T OPEN FOR ME WILL THEY.....
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!!
.....I...
——HAVE TURNED MY BACK ON GOD .....
I DON'T.... EVEN HAVE... A NAME TO ENGRAVE ON... THE TOMBSTONE.
——FOR I HAVE SINNED MORE THAN.. THE NUMBER OF SAND OF THE SEA.....

*Note For more information on the Prayer of Manasseh, go to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prayer_of_Manasseh
IT IS THE LORD, HE HAS ACCEPTED YOU.
YOUR FAITH HAS HELD.
SFX: (TWITCH)
JUST LIKE THE PRAYER OF MANASSEH
I AM NOT WORTHY TO LOOK AND SEE THE HEIGHTS OF HEAVEN.
AND NOW I BEND THE KNEE OF MY HEART, BEGGING FOR YOUR CLEMENCY

YOU, O LORD, ARE THE GOD OF THOSE WHO REPENT.
AND IN ME, YOU WILL DISPLAY YOUR GOODNESS, FOR, MY BEING UNWORTHY, YOU WILL SAVE ME ACCORDING TO YOUR GREAT MERCY
AND I WILL PRAISE YOU THROUGHOUT ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, FOR ALL THE POWER OF THE HEAVENS SING YOUR PRAISE.
FOR YOURS IS THE GLORY, TO THE AGES.
AMEN.
!!
YOU CAN STILL MAKE IT
SFX. (FALL)
IF YOU DRINK HER BLOOD, SHE WILL BE REVIVED.

WERE YOU NOT THE ONE WHO TAINTED AN APOSTLE OF LIGHT WITH DARKNESS
IS THAT SO?
SHE DOESN'T SUIT THE DARK
IT IS RATHER REGRETTABLE THAT HUMANS ARE NOT ABLE TO UNDERSTAND ETERNITY.
IDIOT.....
IF YOU COULD RETURN TO BEING HUMAN, IT WOULDN'T BE ETERNITY!!
WHAT IF YOU WANT TO PASS THROUGH "HEAVEN'S GATES"?
WHAT I WANT.....

EVEN MORE THAN RETURNING TO BEING A SERVANT OF THE LORD...
TO RETURN TO BEING HUMAN.....
WHAT I WANT...
BUT IF I CAN GET SOME-THING THAT WILL DEFEAT HIM, THEN...
IS TO KNOW ELLIOT'S WEAKNESS.
.....THAT IS A NAME I HAVE NOT HEARD IN A LONG TIME.
BUT ARE YOU NOT HIS?
I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE AN UNUSUAL VAMPIRE HELSING

GRAB
VERY WELL, I WILL TELL YOU, BUT IN EXCHANGE FOR THAT, WHAT WILL YOU GIVE ME?
FOR KILLING YOUR OWN BLOOD, WHAT IS...
...THE COM-PENS-TION?
I HAVE NOTHING OTHER THAN MY BLOOD.
SFX: <TWITCH>
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SFX. <SLIDE>
IN A LONG TIME.....
CHUCKLE
I HAVE LIVED A LONG TIME, ETERNITY, WHEN YOU COMPARE IT TO A HUMAN'S LIFE...
BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IT HAS BEEN THIS AMUSING.
Toss
HAHAHAHAHAHAHA
BUT UNFORTUNATELY
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF DRINKING THE COLD BLOOD OF MY FAMILY.
THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO OFFER IN COMPENSATION.
DON'T BE IN SUCH A HURRY.

I WILL HAVE YOU DO THAT INSTEAD
WH...
IT'S NOT THAT DIFFICULT A THING TO DO, IS IT?
BUT AT THIS RATE, SHE WILL SOON BE DEAD
HOW ABOUT THIS?
I WAS THINKING OF BRINGING THAT GIRL INTO MY FAMILY, BUT
I HAVE NOT YET FULLY RETURNED
IF YOU DO THAT, IN EXCHANGE, I WILL TELL YOU ELLIOT'S WEAKNESS
SO IF I DRINK HER BLOOD, THEN YOU .....
WILL REALLY TELL ME, RIGHT?

I DO NOT LIE.
SO IT STARTS

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DRINK HER BLOOD.
IF YOU DO THAT, I WILL REVEAL ELLIOT'S WEAKNESS.

DID YOU GET WHAT YOU WERE AFTER?
SFX: (HISS)
CAN HE NO LONGER HEAR ME...?
SFX (CRACK)

SFX: (ELUMP)
——IF I DRINK THIS BLOOD.....
——Dear God,

SHE HAS STARTED WALKING DOWN THE QUIET ROAD OF DEATH....
Almighty Father, who art in heaven...
Weigh the sins which she committed against the good deeds which she carried out...—
WHAT!?
SHE HAS NOTHING LEFT TO TIE HER DOWN
——Please judge this woman with the depths of your compassion.
Amen.

THE BLOOD OF A VIRGIN HUH?
IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE SEEN SOMETHING THIS INTER-ESTING
WHY DO YOU CARE ABOUT THIS FOOLISH GIRL.
I JUST WANT TO TAKE MY REVENGE AGAINST ELLIOT. AND
SHE JUST WANTED TO KNOW HER TRUE NAME.
...LSO ...
WE WERE BOTH READY TO GIVE UP OUR LIVES TO PAY THE PRICE FOR AN ANSWER. THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE THAT COULD BE TAKEN FROM US.
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I WILL DESTROY ELLIOT.
SFX: <DASH>
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.....
SFX: <FLOAT>
Be destroyed, Evil Spirit!
IT'S NO USE.

THERE IS NO WAY SOMEONE OF YOUR LEVEL CAN DEFEAT ME
WE WON'T KNOW FOR SURE UNLESS WE TRY!
IN ANY CASE, YOU HAVE JUST DRUNK THE BLOOD
SFX: <SLICE>
SFX: <SHF
SO WHAT IF YOU RECITE THE "SCRIPTURES" WITH THE AMOUNT OF BLOOD STAINED ON YOUR CLOTHES FROM ABOVE YOUR THROAT?
SFX: <GRIP>
WHAT A FOOLISH FELLOW I TOLD YOU TO "SUCK," DIDN'T I?
RECITING THE SCRIPTURES TO HER IN THE DARKNESS OF IGNORANCE...
IT'S NO LONGER THE "SCRIPTURE OF LIGHT."

I AM RATHER FOND OF NOBLE THINGS
HOW VERY NOBLE
SFX: (FWIP)
I WONDER, THOUGH, IF IT'S POSSIBLE FOR ONE WHO HAS FALLEN SO FAR TO BE COMFORTABLE?
VAMPIRE!!
SFX: (GUST)

THE DARK-NESS IS DEEP WITHIN YOU.
LET... GO...
I CAN SEE WHY HE HAS SUCH AN UNUSUAL INTEREST IN YOU
—OF ...
HOW MANY TIMES HAS ELLIOT...
PIERCED YOUR NECK WITH HIS FANGS?
I WASN'T EVEN ABLE TO RESIST
EVEN IF I RAN AWAY AND NEEDED NOTH-ING
OR PRAYED TO BE ABLE TO THROW MYSELF TOWARDS CERTAIN DEATH..

I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING OTHER THAN CLOSE MY EYES
SINCE THAT FIRST TIME, EVERYTHING STARTED TO CHANGE TO DESPAIR
I COULDN'T ACCEPT IT
WHY IS IT .....
WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN .....?

!?
YOU !
SCRIP-TURES!?
—NO
"MY LORD, MY LORD, WHY IS THAT YOU HAVE FORSAKEN ME?"
THOSE WERE THE HUMAN WORDS OF GOD'S CHILD, JESUS, BUT EVEN THEN, HE DID NOT QUESTION THAT
WHEN HE HUNG ON THE CROSS AND DIED, HE WAS PAYING THE PRICE FOR ALL OF HUMAN KIND'S SINS
THAT WAS UNCON-SCIOUS—
HELLSING!!

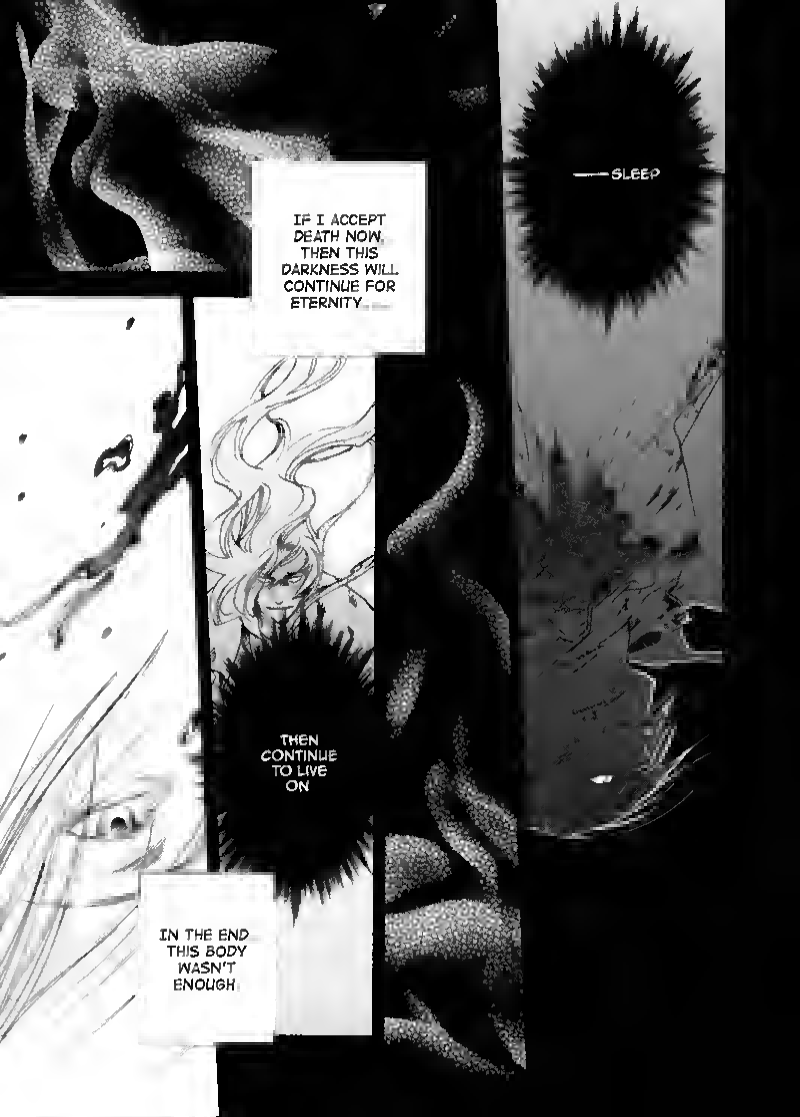
—— IT REALLY HAS BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME SINCE I FELT LIKE THIS
I REALLY DION'T WANT TO DEFEAT YOU LIKE THIS——
SFX: CRACK
SFX: <WHOOSH>

I banish thee, Evil Spirit!
YOUR WEAPONS ARE USELESS AGAINST ME
CRUCIFIX, HOLY WATER, OR WOODEN STAKES
SFX: (SPLATTER)
YOU WON'T DEFEAT ME SO EASILY
I THOUGHT THIS WOULD RELIEVE SOME OF MY BORE-DOM,
BUT YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE ANY FUN AT ALL!
BOTH ELLIOT AND I HAVE LIVED A LONG TIME. SHALL I TELL YOU WHAT VAMPIRES ARE TRULY WEAK AGAINST?
IT'S

"BORE-DOM."
THAT'S RIGHT, BORE-DOM
TO THE POINT OF "WANTING TO DIE"
HAVING LIVED FOR SO MANY YEARS, THERE IS NO REASON FOR VAMPIRES TO LIE.
BUT TIME HAS NO MEANING FOR US
HUMANS ARE END-LESSLY INVENTIVE THEY'RE JUST ENTER-TAINMENT FOR US.
HE'S SAYING HE DECIDED TO FIGHT ME BECAUSE HE'S BORED?
NEITHER LOVE NOR SLAUGHTER CAN MOVE MY HEART ANYMORE
SFX: <PIERCE> <SLIDE>
I GUESS IT HASN'T BEEN SO LONG SINCE I HAD THIS SORT OF FUN.

SFX: (GUSH)
SFX: (SPLATTER)
AH
AHH...
AH!
H...
AH!
——SLEEP
!?

SFX: <MISTY>
SFX: <COLLAPSE>
THIS IS MINE.
OH IT'S YOU.
WHEN DID IT BECOME ACCEPTABLE TO LAY A HAND ON SOMEONE ELSE'S THINGS?


IF I ACCEPT DEATH NOW, THEN THIS DARKNESS WILL CONTINUE FOR ETERNITY...
—— SLEEP
THEN CONTINUE TO LIVE ON
IN THE END THIS BODY WASN'T ENOUGH

I WONDER IF I AM TOO DEPENDANT ON THIS MAN.....?
NO MATTER WHAT I DO, I CAN NEVER DEFEAT THIS MAN WITH ALL MY HEART
.....

YOU'VE HURT HIM QUITE BADLY
HE STARTED IT.
FOR THE LAST FEW DECADES SINCE I MET HIM,
I HAVEN'T FELT BORED AT ALL
ARE YOU JEAL-OUS?

SFX: <GRAB>
SFX: <PULL>
"I WILL CHASE YOU FOR ETERNITY"
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.
NOT SUCH A BAD PLAN.
—WHAT ABOUT YOU?
DID YOU HAVE FUN
SEEING WHAT "DEATH" IS LIKE?

NOTHING HAS CHANGED.
I JUST WANTED TO FEEL WHAT IT FELT LIKE TO GO TO SLEEP.
— ISN'T THAT HOW IT IS?
SFX. (PIERCE)

I WON'T TELL YOU TO STOP PLAYING
HOWEVER ALLOW ME TO WARN YOU—
THOSE WHO ARE STILL WEAK STILL HOPE FOR DEATH IN THEIR INNERMOST FEELINGS
FOR THIS GUY HE WANTS TO CONTINUE TO LIVE TO THE EXTENT THAT HE WILL TAKE THIS
!
FOR THE SAKE OF DEFEATING ME, HE HAS GONE TO THE EXTENT OF THROWING EVERYTHING AWAY....

FROM THE WAY I SEE IT HIS LIGHT WON'T BE EXTINGUISHED SO EASILY
IT'S NOT LIKE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME, RIGHT?
HENRY, YOU ARE ALWAYS TOO IMPATIENT ABOUT HAVING FUN.
THAT IS WHY YOU WERE BORED ENOUGH TO "DIE."
WHEN HE SAID "FOR ETERNITY" I THOUGHT MAYBE
I MIGHT AT LEAST BE ABLE TO GET A THOUSAND YEARS OF "FUN" FROM HIM
IT WOULD BE A PROBLEM IF HIS LIGHT COULD BE EASILY EXTINGUISHED

A THOUSAND YEARS
I WONDER IF HE WILL BE ABLE TO ENDURE IT THAT LONG?
HE VOWED TO HIS ETERNAL "GOD"
SO THAT HE COULD CONTINUE, HE MADE A VOW THAT NOT EVEN "DEATH" COULD BREAK, AND NOW HIS WORK KEEPS INCREASING
SO I WILL HAVE HIM ENDURE THAT MUCH.
WHY...?
BOREDOM ISN'T ENOUGH.

THE "LIGHT" CURRENTLY RESIDING IN HIS BODY IS AT ITS LIMIT YET THE DARKNESS IS GROWING WITHIN HIM
THERE HAS NEVER BEEN SOMETHING SO WRAPPED IN SUCH THICK DARKNESS.
TO DRAW HIM FROM HUMANS INTO OUR FAMILY
HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THIS LIGHT WILL OUTLAST THE DARKNESS.
BOTH HUMANS AND BEASTS FLOCK TO THOSE WHO ARE THE SAME.
FOR ME, I WOULD NEVER THINK OF UNBINDING ONE OF YOUR THINGS FROM YOU
IT WOULD BE BETTER JUST TO KILL EVERYONE

AT THAT MOMENT, SEEING ALL THOSE HE FEELS FOR KILLED BECAUSE OF HIM,
I WONDER HOW HE WOULD LOOK?
THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN CARL, AND THOSE WHO CARL HAS SEEN.
KILL THEM ALL
JUST RIP THEM ALL TO PIECES, RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIS EYES.

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.....YOU...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING HE'LL BECOME
HE WOULD EVENTUALLY AVOID ALL CONTACT WITH PEOPLE...
BECAUSE HE IS SO TENDER-HEARTED.
SO THEN HIS HATE FOR ME BECOMES HIS ONLY REASON FOR LIVING
AND SO, ONE DAY, HE EVEN FORSAKES HIS GOD

SO WHEN WE EVENTUALLY FIGHT,
NOT EVEN "DEATH" WILL BE ABLE TO TELL US APART
JUST THE TWO OF US—
ARE YOU JEALOUS?

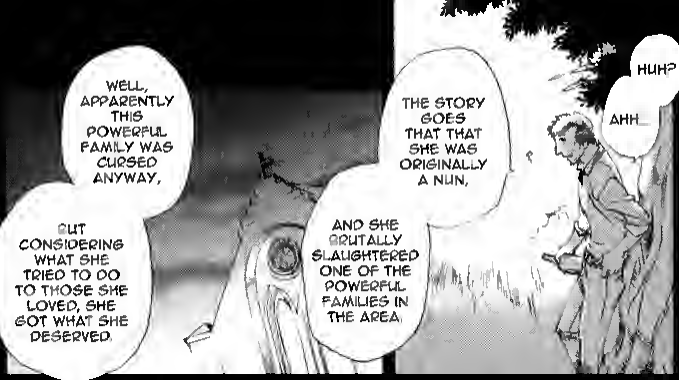
AND WHAT WILL YOU DO AFTER THAT?
AFTER THAT?
WE MUST LIVE, EVEN AFTER THAT.
FOR ALL ETERNITY
WORRYING ABOUT SOMETHING A THOUSAND YEARS FROM NOW? THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU
IT'S POINTLESS TO THINK ABOUT WHAT COMES AFTER THE FUN IS OVER.
ANYTHING IS BETTER THAN BECOMING ACCUSTOMED TO "BOREDOM."
THAT'S RIGHT .....
WHEN IT HAPPENS I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE TOO BAD TO SEE WHAT "DYING" IS LIKE

.....I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO UNDERSTAND YOUR WAY OF THINKING.
I NEVER ONCE MEANT TO BE UNDERSTOOD.
WELL THEN.
I THINK I SHOULD EXCUSE MYSELF SOON
THIS ONE IS STILL WEAK AGAINST THE SUN.
A VAMPIRE WHO REFUSES TO DRINK BLOOD.....
SFX: <VANISH>
IT WON'T DO.

.....
SFX: <SWISH>
ADOLF ?
YES?
IS IT STILL POSSIBLE TO USE THAT CONTAINER?
.....IF IT'S FOR A FEW DAYS, THEN IT'S POSSIBLE.
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU PLAN ON DOING?
TO PLAY A LITTLE.

IT HAS BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME FOR ME...
YES.
TRULY, I HAVE BEEN BORED FOR SUCH A LONG TIME NOW
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A GOOD PERFOR-MANCE.....
FESTIVAL?

ABOUT ONE-HUNDRED YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A MADWOMAN WHO KILLED A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
IT IS AN OLD STORY, BUT THEY SAY SHE'S STILL HANGING AROUND.
SO THAT SHE IS UNABLE TO WAKE UP A SECOND TIME EVERY YEAR ON THIS DAY WE FEED A BONFIRE ALL NIGHT LONG
ARE YOU A TRAVEL-LER?
THERE IS A REALLY INTEREST-ING STORY BEHIND THIS FESTIVAL.
DO YOU WANT TO HEAR IT?
PROTECT A VAMPIRE!!
APPARENTLY, SHE WAS EVEN ATTEMPTING TO PROTECT A VAMPIRE. AT LEAST THAT'S THE STORY!!
KILLED A...
LOT OF PEOPLE.....?


HUH?
AHH...
THE STORY GOES THAT THAT SHE WAS ORIGINALLY A NUN.
AND SHE BRUTALLY SLAUGHTERED ONE OF THE POWERFUL FAMILIES IN THE AREA.
WELL, APPARENTLY THIS POWERFUL FAMILY WAS CURSED ANYWAY,
BUT CONSIDERING WHAT SHE TRIED TO DO TO THOSE SHE LOVED, SHE GOT WHAT SHE DESERVED.

SO THE REASON WE PARTICIPATE IN THIS FESTIVAL IS SO THAT HER ATROCITY WON'T HAUNT US
IS THAT SO.....?

HEY DON'T TELL ME YOU REALLY BELIEVE ALL THIS
I TOLD YOU BEFORE IT'S A STORY.
WHAT A PITIFUL WOMAN IN THE END. SHE WASN'T TAKEN DOWN BY GUN OR SWORD. SHE WAS SIMPLY BURNED ALIVE BY THE FLAMES
SFX: <SSS...>

SPK (SEE!)
WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE NUN...?
SPK «CLATTER»
EEK!
AH...
HER NAME!?
MARI .....
A...
.....MA.....
WHAT HAPPENED TO HER BODY?
...Q-
...BURNT TO THE BONE
ASHES IN THE RIVER...

SO SHE CAN'T BE REVIVED.....
THE VILLAGERS SAW THE DISTURBED GRAVE AND MOST LIKELY BELIEVED A VAMPIRE HAD BEEN REVIVED
SO THE GIRL WHO HAD THE SAME DIRT ON HER WAS MISTAKENLY TREATED LIKE A VAMPIRE
THOSE WITHOUT A PHYSICAL BODY FACE THEIR FINAL JUDGMENT AND CANNOT BE REVIVED
HER ACCEPTANCE OF THE FALSE CHARGES FROM THE PEOPLE PREVENTED HER RESURRECTION

AT THAT TIME, THE ONE WHO DID THAT WAS...!
HENRY.....!!
SFX: <SWISH>
—

SFX: <CRY>
I WILL NOT FORGIVE HIM.....
THAT FILTHY VAMPIRE!!
SFX: <CLATTER> <FLARE>
UWA
EEK!

SFX: <SCATTER>
AH...
AH.
SFX: <PATTER>
AH...
DE MON...
THAT'S RIGHT.

FOLLOW ME...
WITH THE HATRED THAT HAS PIERCED YOUR BODY.
UNTIL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.
UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD.
end